

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL MINUTES**

**October 21, 2005**

**150 North 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 540-A**

### **Members Present:**

Ben Bobrow (Chairman)	Charlie Smith
Coy Amerson	Rich Thacher
Frank Walters	Taylor Payson
Janine Anderson	Thelma Brandon-Davis
John Gallagher	Paul Coe
Kay Lewis	Michael Hegarty
Kevin Conn	
Kurt Krumpferman	
Mark Stroh	
Mark Venuti	
Roy Ryals	

### **Members Absent:**

Michael Ward
Decker William
Gary Bardbury
Joseph Gulotta
Daniel Spaite
Rob Ramsey
Willie Minor
Robert Costello
Neal Thomas
Dina Rojas-Sanchez
Marcia Berry
Scott Peterson

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ben Bobrow, Chairman, called the meeting of the Emergency Medical Services council to order at 10:35 a.m. A quorum was present.

### **II. DISCUSSION and ACTION ON AGENDA and APRIL 22, 2005 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Kay Lewis and seconded by Frank Walters to approve the agenda for October 21, 2005, and the minutes for April 22, 2005 with no corrections.

#### **Motion carried**

- Allison Kern, Assistant Attorney General, presented to the EMS Council and MDC on the Open Meeting Law AG Opinion.
- It was reported that at this time the question as to whether the Open Meeting Law applies to the Regional Council cannot be answered because of its complex structure. However, the committee chair for the Open Meeting Law Committee has been made aware of the question and will be conducting research to find a definite answer to this question.
- The Attorney General Opinion states that members cannot use e-mail to conduct committee business. Discussion, deliberating, and discussing legal action are not allowed through e-mail.

### **III. REPORTS:**

- A. Report from the Office of the Director:
  1. Discussion and Status of Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, Public Health Preparedness Services, Division of Public Health Services, and Department of Health Service

- Susan Gerard, Director, introduced herself to the EMS Council. She reported that she and the governor's office are working together to appoint or reappoint members on EMS Council.
- B. Report from Bureau Chief
1. Regional Council Leadership Meeting
    - Gene Wikle, Bureau Chief, gave a presentation on recent Bureau activities such as Operation Good Neighbor (Hurricane Katrina Relief).
    - It was reported that since January 2005 to present date, the Bureau has created new positions to better serve the public, a monthly newsletter, E-Learning, Trauma Center Designation, EMS Enforcement Disciplinary Guidelines, and operating instructions.
    - It was reported that new changes for NREMT testing will take effect in March 2007 with Computer Based Testing (CBT). The Air Ambulance Rules are anticipated to take into effect in April 2006.
  2. Trauma Center Designation
    - It was reported that since August 2004, the bureau has been working on the rulemaking for Trauma Center Designation. The governor regulatory review council approved the rulemaking with an effective date of October 6, 2005. A copy of the rules, applications and instructions are available on the Bureau's website under Trauma Services.
- C. Chairman's Report
1. EMS Council Membership Update
    - It was reported that applications have been submitted for the EMS Council.
    - The following positions are vacant- three lay member positions, Voluntary EMS, Second largest EMS Agency, Hospital Administration with Population less than 500,000.
    - All applications will be forward to the Governor's Office for appointment to the EMS Council.

#### IV. **DISCUSSION and ACTION ON EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING PROCESS AND SCHEDULE**

- In the past the "EMS Council" Organization requested that the Education Committee meet when requested. The EMS Council was asked to make a recommendation as to whether the Education Committee should meet on a regularly scheduled basis or only meet when instructed by EMS Council with specific agenda items.
- A motion was made by Mark Venuti and seconded by Kay Lewis to have the Education Committee meet on a regular basis.

**Motion carried**

V. **DISCUSSION and ACTION ON 2006 MEETING DATES**

- A motion was made by Charlie Smith and seconded by Kevin Conn to approve the meeting dates for 2006.

**Motion carried**

VI. **PROTOCOLS, MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES (PMD) COMMITTEE:**

A. PMD Committee Report and Recommendations:

1. Discussion and Action on Revised Pediatric Treatment and Triage Protocols

- Dr. Gallagher reported that MDC questioned the amount of milliamps under
- A motion was made by Dr. Gallagher and seconded by Roy Ryals to approve the protocol with the suggested recommendations from MDC.
- It was asked to clarify the suggestion about the milliamps of 200 to be used or not.

- **Motion carried**

2. Discussion and Action on Adopting Drug Profile as Guidance Documents for Vasopression

- Dr. Gallagher reported that MDC approved the drug profile without any corrections.
- A motion was made by Dr. Gallagher and seconded by Kay Lewis to adopt the drug profile for Vasopression.

**Motion carried**

3. Discussion and Action on Proposed Rulemaking and Guidance Documents for EMT-B use of an Esophageal Tracheal Double Lumen Airway Device (Combitube)

- Sarah Harpring reported the recommendations from MDC. On page one of GD-081-PHS-EMS under contraindication MDC recommended to change height under 4 feet to read height less than 4 feet. On page two under advantages to delete no preparation necessary. It was recommended change “works in tracheal or esophageal position” to read “effective in tracheal or esophageal position”. Remove “application of high ventilatory pressure possible under advantages and place the language under potential complications
- A motion was made by Dr. Gallagher and seconded by Kay Lewis to approve the guidance document with the suggested recommendations from MDC.

**Motion carried**

4. Discussion and Action on New Intraosseous Infusion Device

- A motion to accept the device for use by ALS personnel was made by Dr. Gallagher and seconded by Kay Lewis

**Motion carried**

5. Discussion and Action on Zoll Medical Autopulse Resuscitation System

- Dr. Gallagher reported that the Zoll Medical Autopulse Resuscitation System is a device that reproduces CPR. In the past this device was asked to be placed as an approval for MDC and EMS Council to approve use of the device.
- A concern arose as to whether such devices already FDA approved need to be approved by MDC or EMS Council.
- A motion was made by Dr. Gallagher and second by Paul Coe to approve the device.

**Motion Carried**

6. Discussion and Action on Approval of the Protocol for Cardiocerebral Resuscitation

- \* Dr. Gallagher reported that the PMD Committee

**VII. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Discussion on Attorney General's Opinion- No. I05-004 (R05-010)  
Re: Open Meeting Law Requirements and E-mail to and from Members of a Public Body

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) Update  
\* Dr. Bobrow reported that RSI work group created a best practices document for if, when, of why RSI should be performed. The document can be viewed on the website. The Bureau will send a second notification to all EMS providers to reassure that everyone has received notification of the guidance document.
- Sarah Harpring reported that a rulemaking added the two RSI drugs to be included in the drug box. In addition a guidance document that includes the recommendations on how an RSI program should be done if it is done, a substantive policy statement that explains the analysis determining that RSI falls within the scope of practice for an EMT-P, and two drug profile guidance documents for the two RSI drugs. Each of these documents can be viewed on the Bureau's website.
- B. Calcium Gluconate Pilot Project Annual Update- Fire Chief, Gary Woods
- Fire Chief Gary Woods, reported the annual update for the calcium Gluconate pilot project. He reported that they did have one incident, but that the incident was a false alarm. The victim was not subject to any test. However the protocol was followed to be on the safe side.
- C. Amyl Nitrite Pilot Project Annual Update- Fire Chief, Gary Woods
- \* Fire Chief Gary Woods reported that the pilot project continues with their training and that the materials are placed in refrigeration.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion and Action on Task Force Membership for Rulemaking on Control, Use, and Availability of Drugs in Prehospital EMS Setting
- Sarah Harpring reported that the Bureau is currently in the process of revising the drug box rule, R9-25-503. The text in the rule is outdated. In the process of revising the rule the Bureau would like to make sure the rule is consistent with other pharmacy boards, scope of our statutory authority, and other rules that exist. The Bureau needs expert input in order to make this revision to the rule.
  - A Task Force Membership for Rulemaking will be created to help in revising the rule. The document includes a list of representatives that has been approved by Rose Conner, Deputy Director.
  - MDC recommended to add a member from the PMD Committee and a hospital based Pharmacologist.
  - Names will be accepted for those who would like to volunteer on the task force.
  - EMS Council was asked to determine if the list is appropriate.
  - A motion was made by Charlie Smith and second by John Gallagher to approve the Task Force List
- B. **Discussion and Action on IEMT to Paramedic Curriculum**
- Gene Wikle reported that the Bureau has received correspondence asking if we will be creating a program for a transition from IEMT to Paramedic. The Bureau has received the information on this issue and would like to see what the Bureau can do in establishing a statewide program. This is in the early stages and will need to be addressed in the Education Committee for the next meeting. If anyone has any question or concerns on this topic, they are welcome to attend the Education Committee.

**X. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- Paul Coe reported that the payment for the regions is three months behind in reimbursement from the state.
- **Kay asked to have the combitube update for the next agenda on EMS Council**

**Item: Update on Combitube**

**When: Next EMS Council Meeting**

**Who: I don't know?**

- A concern arose as to whether the request to obtain an off road vehicle for the northern region.
- The office of highway safety reported on their "red badge" program. The red badge in the glove box has the medical history of the driver if the driver cannot speak for some reason or the other. Can be reached 602-

255-3216 asgohs.gov...this explains the program. 1000 people have this badge, but there have been no accidents.

It was reported that this would be great.....

**XI. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING – Tentatively January 20, 2006**

**XIII ADJOURNMENT**